

the three insects found on bushes around Norwick and then, when I returned home, checked bushes around my garden at Baltasound on Unst, where a further two individuals were seen. The identity of the specimens was confirmed in Stubbs & Falk (1993, *British Hoverflies*. BENHS). I phoned Terry Rogers who lives at Eswick in central Mainland, Shetland and told him to look out for the species. Although he did not find any in his garden in the dull weather that day, he found five and collected two specimens the next day, 17 September 2000. *Xanthandrus comtus* is an addition to the recently published list of Shetland hoverflies (Pennington 1999, *Dipterists Digest* 6: 93-104). It has been suggested (Shaw & Rotheray, 1990. *Entomologist's mon. Mag.* 126: 258) that this species occurs in Britain primarily as an immigrant. These Shetland records add credence to this possibility.— M. G. PENNINGTON, 9 Daisy Park, Baltasound, Unst, Shetland ZE2 9EA.
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Two, possibly new, aberrations of British butterflies

On 12 August 2000, I took a male Brimstone butterfly *Gonepteryx rhamni* with black scaling in all four of the orange discoidal spots on the upper side of the wings. I am not sure if this is a new aberration, but it must surely be sufficiently rare to warrant recording here.

On the same subject, some time ago I purchased a small cabinet and this contained the remains of a once interesting collection of British butterflies and moths, most of which were by now beyond repair. However, the specimens in some drawers were better preserved and amongst these were three Green hairstreak *Callophrys rubi*, two males and one female, taken at Brook, in the Isle of Wight. On the upper side of the fore wings of the males, three millimetres from the sex cell between nervures 9 and 10, there is a white dumbbell-shaped mark, about two millimetres in length, on each wing. The same mark is present on the female, but is positioned between nervures eight and nine. Having searched my rather extensive collection of books I can find no reference to this aberration.— K. F. WILLIAMS, Arcanum House, 45 Braunston Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 5BY.

***Evergestis extimalis* (Scop.) (Lep.: Pyralidae) in Somerset**

On 24 September 2000, Doug Miller brought to me a rather worn pyralid moth which he had caught the previous night at Westonzoyland, Somerset (VC6). We strongly suspected it to be *Evergestis extimalis*, however, its condition did not help. I decided to set it and take it to my son David at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff where he confirmed the identification. This appears to be the first County record, unless someone out there knows otherwise.— BRIAN E. SLADE, 40 Church House Road, Berrow, Somerset TA8 2NQ.